

**IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

<b>ORDER RE: POSTPONEMENT OF JURY TRIALS AND MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN BENEWAH, BONNER, BOUNDARY, KOOTENAI &amp; SHOSHONE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER H21- DW.25</b>
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Rich Christensen, Administrative District Judge of the First Judicial District, hereby finds and Orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued an “EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING COURT SERVICES.” Said Order contained the following requirements and prohibitions:

2. **Administrative District Judges Authorized to Issue Orders Regarding Courthouse and Courtroom Risk Reduction Protocols in Their Districts:** If, as reflected in [the Weekly Publication of COVID-19 Incidence Rates], a county’s seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed presumed cases of COVID-19 is 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population, the Administrative District Judge shall enter an administrative order defining the safety protocols that will be required in the county’s courthouse. The Order will, at a minimum, require all persons entering the courthouse to do court business to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distance from anyone that does not live in their household.

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7. **Weekly COVID-19 Incidence Rate Jury Trial Postponements:** Jury proceedings, including jury trials and grand jury proceedings, may commence anytime during a calendar week unless the Administrative District Judge has determined that the County in which the prospective juror has been summoned to attend court has a seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 of 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population as reflected on the Cases by County page of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s COVID-19 Data Dashboard available at [www.coronavirus.idaho.gov](http://www.coronavirus.idaho.gov).

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Benewah County for Thursday, September 16, 2021 is 64.5

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Bonner County for Thursday, September 16, 2021 is 63.4.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Boundary County for Thursday, September 16, 2021 is 49.0.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Kootenai County for Thursday September 16, 2021 is 58.6.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Shoshone County for Thursday September 16, 2021 is 64.3.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:


1. Jury Trials in Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone counties are suspended for the week of September 27- October 1, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering the Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai or Shoshone County court facilities to do court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

2. All persons are required to wear a mask while in such court facilities on court business.
3. All persons, not of the same household, must observe a minimum of six feet of social distancing from other persons while in said court facilities.

**This Order as to the wearing of masks and social distancing is to remain in effect in each of the above-mentioned counties until the respective seven-day moving average incidence rate for the above-mentioned counties falls below 25.0, as determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.**

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

  
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Rich Christensen  
Administrative District Judge  
First Judicial District